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THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF MEMORANDUM GIVEN TO DEPTOFF APRIL 20 BY TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH ACTING SECRETARY ON OTHER SUBJECTS (SEPTTEL).

BEGIN TEXT: THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION HAS INITIATED A SYSTEMATIC SLANDER CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE TURKS IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE THE POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE THAT WOULD BE CREATED BY THE CONCRETE PROPOSALS OF THE TURKISH SIDE ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND ALSO TO FURTHER CONFUSE THE ISSUE. THE GREEK ADMINISTRATION RECENTLY HAD ITS LETTERS TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL PUBLISHED ONE AFTER ANOTHER  
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CHARGING THAT VAROSHA WAS BEING RE-SETTLED, THAT THERE WERE PRESSURES UPON THE GREEKS LIVING IN THE NORTH AND THAT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS WERE OCCURRING IN CYPRUS. THESE UNFOUNDED ALLEGATIONS DELIBERATELY DISTRIBUTED BY THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE ALSO AIMED AT ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE MEMBERS OF THE US CONGRESS.

ON APRIL 18TH, ONE DAY BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL TO CYPRUS, IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSALS OF THE TURKISH SIDE, THE FOLLOWING BROADCAST WAS

MADE OVER THE CYPRUS GREEK RADIO:

"FOREIGN MINISTER NIKOS ROLANDIS TODAY CALLED THE AMBASSADORS OF THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL, STRONGLY PROTESTING THE VIOLATION OF CYPRUS AIRSPACE THIS MORNING BY AIRCRAFT BELONGING TO THE TURKISH AIR FORCE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO INSTRUCTED THE CYPRIOT EMBASSIES ABROAD TO MAKE SIMILAR REPRESENTATIONS TO THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH THEY WERE ACCREDITED.

DURING THESE TALKS, ROLANDIS SAID THAT CYPRUS WAS FACED WITH A COORDINATED THREAT FROM TURKEY. HE SAID THAT THIS THREAT WAS FIRST MANIFESTED BY PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT'S STATEMENT OF YESTERDAY TO THE EFFECT THAT TURKISH ARMED FORCES WOULD NOT BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE ISLAND. SECONDLY, SOYSAL'S STATEMENT THAT UNFORTUNATE CONSEQUENCES WOULD FOLLOW IF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS WERE REJECTED AND THIRDLY THE VIOLATION OF CYPRUS AIRSPACE THIS MORNING MADE APPARENT THIS THREAT.

IT IS REPORTED THAT THIS TURKISH ACTION WAS BEING CONSIDERED AS AN AFFRONT TO THE INITIATIVES OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL WHO IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN CYPRUS TOMORROW."

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ERED AS AN AFFRONT TO THE INITIATIVES OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL WHO IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN CYPRUS TOMORROW."

THESE GREEK CLAIMS HAVE NO FACTUAL BASIS. THE OCCURRENCE REFERRED TO IS A NORMAL ROUTINE FLIGHT BY TWO TURKISH AIRCRAFT OVER THE TURKISH SECTOR OF CYPRUS. THEIR FLIGHT SCHEDULES HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED AND THE UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS WAS DULY INFORMED IN ADVANCE. DEFINITELY, THERE WAS NO VIOLATION OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT AIRSPACE.

THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER DID NOT INDICATE THAT THE TURKISH FORCES ON THE ISLAND WOULD NOT BE WITHDRAWN. ON THE CONTRARY, HE SAID THAT THESE FORCES WOULD GRADUALLY BE DECREASED AND WHEN AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES, ALL FORCES NOT ENVISAGED IN THAT AGREEMENT WOULD BE COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN. IN FACT, 800 MORE TURKISH TROOPS ON CYPRUS ARE BEING TRANSFERRED TO TURKEY THIS WEEKEND, THUS BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TURKISH TROOPS WITHDRAWN TO 15,000.

WHEN PROF. DR. MUMTAZ SOYSAL, ADVISOR TO THE TURKISH

FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS, ANSWERED A QUESTION PUT TO HIM IN VIENNA BY SAYING THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS CONSTITUTED A NEGOTIATING POSITION AND THAT THERE COULD NOT BE ANY FURTHER FORWARD STEP BEFORE SITTING AT THE

TABLE, HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE REFUSAL OF THIS GOODWILL GESTURE MADE BY THE TURKISH SIDE AT THE OUTSET WOULD BE ANOTHER NEW OPPORTUNITY MISSED AND THIS WOULD BE AN UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENT. THAT CLEARLY IS NOT A THREAT.

THE ABSURDITY OF THE GREEK CLAIMS REGARDING VAROSHA IS ADEQUATELY EXPOSED BY THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS WHICH OFFER THE RETURN OF GREEKS TO VAROSHA.

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THE ALLEGATIONS THAT THE GREEKS IN THE NORTH ARE UNDER PRESSURE AND THAT TURKEY IS VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS IN CYPRUS, ARE COMPLETE FABRICATIONS NOT SUPPORTED BY NEUTRAL PARTIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE UN, THAT ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE ISSUE.

THESE ALLEGATIONS EXPOSE THE GREEK CYPRIOT POLICY OF ONLY EXPLOITING THE HUMANITARIAN ISSUES AND REFUSING TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS FOR THEIR RESOLUTION.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION IS DELIBERATELY DISSEMINATING THESE FABRICATIONS WITH THE PURPOSE OF CASTING A SHADOW ON THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS WHICH HAVE BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY THE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION. AT THIS TIME WHEN THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAVE, IN GOOD FAITH, PUT FORWARD THEIR PROPOSALS FOR THE SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IN ALL ITS ASPECTS, THESE RESPONSES CLEARLY MAKE EVIDENT THE ULTERIOR MOTIVES OF THE OTHER SIDE. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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